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BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despite the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

—Matthew 6:24.

THE NEXT SESSION

The next session of the General Assembly of Virginia will be one of the most important in modern times. Whether or not a special session is called before the next regular session, the problem of what to do about the Supreme Court's school decision will command attention. But the most pressing of all issues to be faced is the tremendous back-log of needs for capital outlay in the Old Dominion: the pressing demands for more and more modern highways, and the pressing requirements of state mental hospitals. Some have ventured the opinion that the back-log of urgent needs would call for appropriations of at least $500,000,000—if the state could find that sort of money to appropriate. Regardless of what action the Federal Government takes to push the building of major highways, it is obvious that Virginia must find more money to spend on its highway system. At the last session of the General Assembly, Governor Stanley's appeal for an increase in the gasoline tax was turned down. We believe the request will be renewed. And the Byrd tax-refund is almost sure to be abandoned. Appropriation needs of the state are simply too great to be set aside in favor of tax refunds, and the time has come for Virginia to begin the long haul to catch up with other states in many fields of activity. It seems to us that study groups should be getting ready now with recommendations as to how to meet these problems. And it seems to us that sixty days every two years is not long enough for a session to adequately perform its job.

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JUST 463 YEARS AGO

Just 463 years ago, a sailor in the service of Spain, whose name was Cristobal Colon, set sail from Palos, Spain. The seaman's Spanish name was later given to a city on the Isthmus of Panama and from it comes Cristobal.

On the voyage from Palos, Colon was searching for certain islands in the Sargasso Sea. He had been instructed to take possession of these islands. The first island Colon saw was an island now known as Watling Island.

The voyage of Colon was a history-making one, for its consequences were more far-reaching than those of any other event in that era. For Colon was actually the Spanish word for Colombo, which is the native Italian spelling of the last name of Christopher Colombus. Colombus was born Cristoferro Colombo, in Genoa, in 1451. When he set sail from Palos, Spain, his expedition was under the orders of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain.

Columbus sailed from Palos at about this time of year, 463 years ago. But he did not sight Watling Island until Otcober 12th. His total voyage lasted from August 3rd to October 12, or over two months.

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CORDELL HULL

The death of Cordell Hull, at 83 years of age, brings to mind the accomplishments of this statesman in the last twenty years. Hull will undoubtedly be listed as one of the country's great Secretaries of State, and he will be remembered particularly for his authorship of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program and for his spadeword in establishing the United Nations.

The esteem of President Eisenhower for the former Tennessee mountainer was reflected in a Presidential order that flags on all United States property be flown at half-mast after Hull's death. The President, despite the opposition of some segments of his party, believes ardently in the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program, and he has fought hard to maintain this program in the face of opposition within his own party.

The President is also a believer in the United Nations and, of course, was an acquaitance of Hull's during World War II, to a limited extent. It will be remembered that Hull differed with President Roosevelt in the latter's dealings with the Communists on many occasions, and it should be mentioned that Hull was not always in agreement with the President's foreign policies, especially in the later years of Mr. Roosevelt's Administration.

The tendency to by-pass Mr. Hull in these years brought about a certain divergence which may have hastened Mr. Hull's resignation in 1944. These differences do not reflect any discredit on Mr. Hull in the light of developments which came after 1944, and he will undoubtedly rank high on the list of this country's great Secretaries of State.

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RUSSIAN FARMERS INTERESTED IN CASH

The great Communist idea of collectivized farming operations did not show itself to be predominant among the Russian farmers who recently visited Iowa's farmlands. In fact, American farmers, who conducted the Russians' tour, were surprised at the profits and costs questions of the Russians.

This aspect of farming operations in the United States was apparently more interesting to the Russians than any other phase. The Russians constantly asked American farmers, or those conducting their tour, what the cost of production, per acre, of corn was, or what the profit in the sale of hogs was, or other questions about profit and loss. They were also interested in the taxes paid and in the methods used to purchase farm machinery.

The profit motive, then, still seems to be the predominant motive among farmers—as it is among most business men. Despite all the Communist theory the Russian farmers have been fed in recent decades, they are still interested in profits and what they can make on the farm. This might be the answer to the question why the Russians do not produce as much, per acre, as our farmers do in the United States.

It seems strange that the Russian farmers would come to this country and supply the answer to the problem, inside Russia, of low production figures. In spite of all they see, all the techniques and machinery, the Russian farmers seem to have answered the $64 question themselves. There is not enough profit-motive inside Russia to induce the most efficient farming operations.

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HORMONE SYNTHESIZED

A hormone known to be essential to life, and also known to be many times more powerful than other hormone of the adrenal glands, has been completely synthesized. The name of the hormone is Aldosterone, and the announcement of the synthesis was made by Dr. Albert Wettstein of Basel, Switzerland.

Collaborating with Dr. Wettstein was Dr. J. Schmidlin. They were working at the Research Laboratories of CIBA, Ltd., in Basel. The synthesis of the new hormone, and its isolation and use, is the end result of over twenty years of investigation.

The new hormone is said to be the most potent compound known to man for regulating the body's use of minerals and the body's water balance. Minute quantities of Aldosterone maintains life in persons with diseases of the adrenal glands, such as Addison's Disease, and it causes no bad effect—as far as can be determined.

Aldosterone acts somewhat like cortisone, but it is far more powerful (estimated to be from twenty to five hundred times as powerful as other adrenal hormones). Aldosterone regulates the utilization of carbohydrates and of nitrogen, and also maintains a balance of white blood cells in the body.

Chemists hail the synthesis of this hormone as of major importance, possibly the most important development in this field in years. Without a doubt, it will prolong the lives of many in coming years, and may prove to be the key which solves many mysteries in the field of medicine.

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Too many youngsters think they should start out in the business world at the top.

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Religion is like food: different people take it in different forms, but everyone needs it.

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The first cool, crisp days of fall are now awaited by all except the school boy or girl who feels a chill at the mention of the word "September."

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The best way to accumulate money is not spend all you have.

Americans should always be ready to talk over their differences with other nations, as at Geneva, despite failures of the past.

News Report From Washington

Ike At Popularity Peak — But Weak Spots Appear— The 1956 Outlook — Business, Scandals & Peace —

Washington, Aug. 3.- President Eisenhower is now as popular as he ever has been with the American people, and all the polls and singns in the wind indicate that he will be a hard man to beat in 1956 if he runs for reelection. Yet there are some encouraging factors for the Democrats, as the third year of Ike's term moves toward an end.

For one thing, many Democrats say Ike is far more popular than his party, generally. They think the Democrats have an excellent chance to keep control of Congress. There are other developments which Democrats feel encouraged over.

The public power issue, the dollar-a-year business men, and others in top government posts who have not acted with all due propriety, the so-far unchecked drain on the farmer, the President's defense program, which is now revised and the tendency of Mr. Eisenhower to leave more important decisions to subordinates than other Presidents are all issues to be used by the Democrats.

The Democrats know that if business is still good in November, 1956, that will be a big item in Eisenhower's corner. They also know that if the country is apparently on the road to peace with the Communists that will help the President.

But they think they are getting along in their efforts to uncover scandal. Senators Kefauver and McClellan have gotten in some licks recently with their Dixon-Yates and Talbott investigations. And there are hints that too many top government officials have been retained on private corporation pay rolls —thus raising the question whether these officials are serving the government first, or their employing-corporation.

There is general agreement among Democrats that the President does not attend to enough of the details of his job. This is sure to be a criticism of the President in the campaign next year. Even many of the Republican members of Congress are disgusted over the system often employed at the White House in passing out patronage without even consulting the men most affected, in the state of the appointment or the nomination.

Against all these critici[sms the] President is likely to have [the an]swers that may gain more vote[s than] the critics can take away. The[y] are prosperity, peace and [a bal]anced government. If the budget is b[alanc]ed next year—and it probabl[y will] be— then the President will [have] another trump card.

To defeat a man with these in the hole will be difficult, bu[t] Democrats are counting on a [bad] reaction to Mr. Eisenhower's [vot]ting procedure, which leaves [many] of the Executive Department [ma]jor decisions to subordinate[s, many] of whom have big-business [connec]tions.

If scandals can be develop[ed in] the next sixteen months, th[e] President will be pictured as [a] soldier, a great general—like [Grant] —who is being taken for a [ride by] the politicians clinging to hi[s coat]tail. And there is enough ev[idence] that Ike has been disappointe[d in the] conduct of some members [of his] administration family to giv[e this] charge some substance.

The greatest danger to the P[resi]dent's chances lies in the farm [pro]grams of Ezra Taft Benson. [Many] people of the country want pr[osper]ity (which most segments now [have]) and they want the farmer to [make] money. Economy experts hav[e long] ago proven that if the farmer [does] not prosper, the effects will ev[entual]ly be felt by all Americans.

The farmer is still seeing h[is in]come decline. It dropped anothe[r ...] points in the first six months o[f the] year. It's true that the cost o[f ...]ping up this income may be c[onsid]erable, but it would not be as [great] as the cost of checking a maj[or re]cession, which will develop if [the] farm situation continues to g[et out] of hand.

Mr. Eisenhower needs the [farm] vote. He is going to lose much [of the] labor vote, and he is going t[o lose] more of the South this time [than he] did in 1952. He cannot afford t[o lose] more of the farm vote, too. T[he farm is] the crucial field of operation[s for] the President in the next [sixteen] months. The real test will c[ome in] the second session of the 84th [Con]gress.

The President will have to [find] some relief program for the f[armer] in that session or face charges [in the] 1956 campaign that he has ign[or]ed this segment of the country's [pop]ulation.

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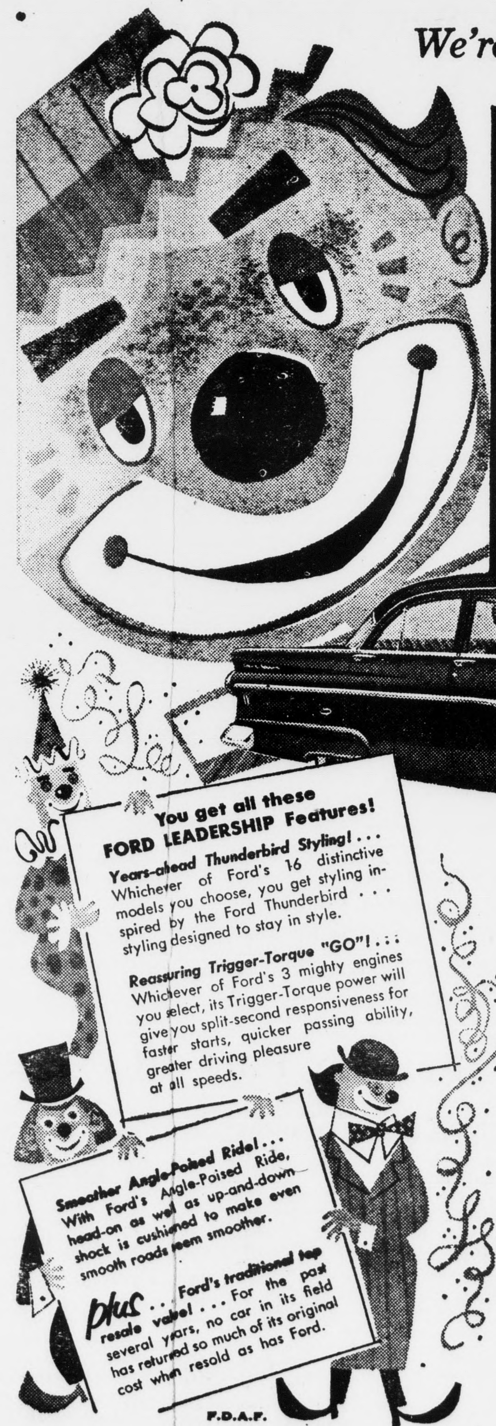

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[The] agreement is between the re[cently] organized American Sheep [Produ]cers Council and the Secretary [of A]griculture. It provides for de[duc]tions from wool incentive pay[ments] and from lamb and yearling [pay]ments made to producers under [the] National Wool Act of 1954. [The] deductions will be a means of [financ]ing the marketing and pro[motion] program. The agreement [will] go into effect if producers own[ing at] least two-thirds of the sheep [and] lambs represented by votes in [the r]eferendum vote their approval. [If ap]proved, deductions from incen[tive] payments will be made in the [year] of 1956 at the rate of 1 [cent] per pound from shorn wool [pay]ments and 5 cents per hundred [pound]s live weight from lamb and [year]ling payments.

[El]igible to vote are producers [who] have owned sheep or lambs for [at le]ast 30 days at any time since [Janua]ry 1, 1955. The number of [sheep] and lambs six months of age [and o]lder owned during any one [...] period will be noted on the [ballot] by each producer and the [ballot] will be signed by him.

Ballots are currently being distributed through the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices and will be accepted by county ASC offices through Friday, August 19, 1955. The extended period of voting is to assure as much participation in the referendum as possible. Because of the method of basing the referendum outcome on the number of sheep represented in the vote,, the results of the referendum will not be available until early September.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

More than 200 veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals have been awarded $5,000 worth of prizes in the ninth annual nation-wide writing contest sponsored by the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, a volunteer organization, in cooperation with VA's Special Services.

A record-breaking 1,500 entries were submitted by veteran-patients. Those too severely disabled to do their own writing or typing received help from educational therapists at the hospitals, as well as those designated as Writing Aides — mostly alumnae members of Theta Sigma Phi journalism sorority.

Twenty-four different contest categories offered variety to beginners to try creative writing for their own rehabilitation. Fresh ideas counted more than literary form.

Categories ranged from short stories to plot outlines for novels; ..from gags for cartoons to serious poetry; from factual articles to contributions on spiritual thinking.

The contest was judged by some of America's leading writers, editors and publishers. Half the prizes were cash; the rest were items useful to writers, such as typewriters, subscriptions to writers' magazines, and the like.

Plans now are under way for the tenth annual writing contest for hospitalized veterans, to be held next spring. In the meantime, veteran-patients are encouraged to keep in practice through quarterly writing contests and through correspondence with volunteer Writing Aides.

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International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

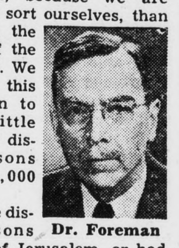
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Psalm 137:1-6; Jeremiah 29: 1-14; Daniel 3.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 40:1-8.

Loyalty Under Fire

Lesson for August 7, 1955

SOMETHING can be learned from history, even when it is the history of obscure men. Perhaps we can even learn more from the history of obscure, little-known, forgotten men, because we are mostly of that sort ourselves, than we can from the biographies of the rich and great. We are invited in this week's lesson to consider a little community of displaced persons more than 2,000 years ago.



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Most of those displaced persons were citizens of Jerusalem, or had been. That city had been laid flat by Nebuchadnezzar's army. That the little nation of Judah had brought the war on itself, that the prophets, and especially Jeremiah, had predicted exactly what happened,—all this did not soften the blow. Those people were exiles, but with a special bitterness. It is one thing to be driven from home hoping to go back some day; it is another thing to have no home to go back to. If those displaced persons could have been taken back to Palestine, to the exact spot where Jerusalem stood, all they would have found was rubble. They would have perished of starvation . . . They knew this all too well. Yet in their memories Jerusalem still lived, a dream-city unchanged by time. They wept when they saw it in their mind's eye; but tears did not wash away the picture they loved. Did it do them any good, this remembering and remembering a city that was no more, a city they would never see again? Yes, it did. For even if that city were less fair than their homesick minds portrayed it, the good which they remembered would remain as an ideal. The community they would build in exile would be as near like the best they remembered as they could make it. A remembered glory that comes no more may become an ideal for today's world. Loyalty to memory may be something better than laying posies on well-tended graves; it may be the channel through which the best of yesterday flows into today and tomorrow.

Loyal to Life's Must's

These exiled Jews often dreamed of going back. That was before Jerusalem fell, and before Jeremiah wrote them a famous letter. (Jer. 29.) You will never see your native land again, he told them. The captivity will end, but not in your lifetime. Meanwhile be good citizens where you are. Build houses, plant gardens live with your growing families. Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile . . . That may have been hard advice to take; but they took it. Dreams of the past can be slow poison if all they produce is tears. Dreams can make men crazy, they can keep people from looking at life's realities. Dream-wishes can keep men from doing what is possible under the circumstances. Jeremiah did not wish these people to forget Jerusalem. He wanted them to recognize the Must's of the situation where they were. There is such a thing as loyalty to the inevitable. "Shake hands with the Inevitable" is a good rule, for the really inevitable is the hand of Providence.

Loyal to God

The story of the young men who chose death rather than be disloyal to God by worshiping Nebuchadnezzar's golden image, reaches one of its high points in what the young men said to the king. God will deliver us, they said; He is able to deliver us and we believe He will; but if not—if there is no God, or if He is not able to save us, or if He does not choose to save us, if He forsakes us altogether, we will not be disloyal to Him. The story is a kind of parable about all the loyal servants of the true God in great pagan Babylonia during those exile years. Many Jews must have been tempted to take over the religion of their conquerors, just as after the second World War there was a rush toward Christianity in Japan. Certainly there in Babylon there were many voices whispering or calling aloud, Bow down! Conform, be like everybody else, when you are in Babylon do as the Babylonians do. Don't be peculiar, don't be stubborn, leave your invisible God and come worship the golden gods to whom the nation prays! But the young men made the right choice, hard then, hard always: They would be loyal to the true God, even if his deliverance was delayed.

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ABOUT YOUR HOME

By Frances Dell

Statistics show that most accidents in the home result from carelessness. Something can be done about this.

Ladders are a "must" in every household, and should be used when washing windows, hanging curtains, and cleaning walls and ceilings, etc. Many hard falls have resulted from a housewife using a chair or stool to perform such jobs.

The burners on gas stoves should be completely turned off when not lighted for use. Pilot lights should be high enough to remain burning even when gas is low. When children are in the kitchen be sure that all of the pots cooking are pushed to the back of the stove out of their reach.

Train children to pick up and put away their toys. Never allow toys to remain scattered over the floor, as this is one of the greatest household hazards known. Provide an attractive chest decorated with nursery figures as a storage place. Make the child feel that this chest is his and gives him a feeling of responsibility for keeping the toys in place. Reminded often enough and in the proper way, most children will respond.

Stairways should be well lighted and uncluttered.

Keep such things as razor blades, knives and scisors well out of children's reach. Mark all poisons and store where there is no chance of children or adults getting them by mistake.

Securely fasten window screens to keep children from falling out. Build gates at the top of porch steps or indoor stairways as an added safety measure for children.

Very highly polished floors are not safe for young or old and are particularly dangerous when scatter rugs are used. It is not wise to apply wax on the floor under a scatter rug.

Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherill, titular head of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U. S.: "Too many of us are more anxious to find support for our own prejudices than to know the facts."

Hubert H. Humphrey, U. S. Senator from Minnesota: "The unification of Germany is the heart and core of Eureopean security."

Arnold J. Toynbee, famed historian: "Mankind, armed as he now is, has no margin of safety."

Health and Beauty

CIGARETTES

"Well, I was in hopes that Susie would not take up the habit of cigarette smoking," said a distressed mother. "Of course, I didn't mind the boys smoking, as I knew they would anyway, but I don't like to see a girl smoke. It just doesn't look well and for that reason, I don't want my girl to smoke."

The mother's reasons were very poor ones, and naturally, had no influence on her daughter, because Susie thought that smoking was smart and fashionable. The real reason for not smoking is found not in looks, but in the harm that the cigarette does to the smokers, whether they be male or female.

We are told by scientists that the burning of the tobacco, with its glycerin content, makes a combination with the paper that forms a poison known as acrolein. This chemical is very toxic and has a special affinity for the nerves. It acts as a dope.

At first, it exerts a sedative or quieting effect upon the system, and then the cigarette user begins to crave the fags. As the habit fastens itself upon the victim, his nerves show irritation, and he finds himself quite nervous, and in the clutches of a habit that is difficult to break.

The acrolein is not the only poison that the cigarette contains. The nicotine of the tobacco is really such a virulent poison that it is used as an insect exterminator. Even the smoke of cigars and cigarettes, if blown upon lice-infested plants, will destroy the pests.

There are other injurious agencies in cigarette smoke. Besides, tarry substances and heat cause much local irritation to the nose, throat, and eyes.

Confirmed smokers are more generally underweight, and subject to colds and other respiratory troubles than the non-smokers.

A talking picture of an ant hill is to be introduced this year. One more illusion will go its way when we can listen to ants wasting a lot of time in idle gossip. —New York Sun.

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